SENATE BILL No. 1279

Introduced by Senator Alquist

February 10, 2006

An act to add Section 17280.7 to the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1279, as introduced, Alquist. School facilities: seismic safety: survey.

Existing law requires the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Seismic Safety Commission, to conduct an inventory of public school buildings that are concrete tilt-up school buildings and school buildings with nonwood frame walls that do not meet the minimum requirements of the 1976 Uniform Building Code. The department is required to submit a report by December 31, 2001, to the Legislature and the Governor that summarizes the findings of the seismic safety inventory and makes recommendations about future actions that should be taken to address the problems found by the seismic safety inventory. The report is prohibited from identifying individual schoolsites on which inventoried school buildings are located.

Existing law requires the commission to convene an advisory committee to study and report on whether a regulatory process may be developed that will allow the State Architect to determine whether a building not originally constructed in compliance with the Field Act, as defined, and its implementing regulations either meets, or can be retrofitted to meet, the equivalent pupil safety performance standard as a building constructed according to the Field Act and its implementing regulations.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with the commission, to conduct an inventory of public school buildings to

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identify buildings that do not meet a pupil safety performance standard equivalent to that of a building constructed according to the Field Act and its implementing regulations. The bill would require the commission to compile a database containing the buildings identified as specified and, on or before June 30, 2007, to distribute a copy of the database to each school district that has within its jurisdiction a building included in the database, and publish a copy on its Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 17280.7 is added to the Education 2 Code, to read:
- 17280.7. (a) The Department of General Services, in consultation with the Seismic Safety Commission, shall conduct an inventory of public school buildings to identify buildings that do not meet a pupil safety performance standard equivalent to that of a building constructed according to the Field Act, as defined in Section 17281, and its implementing regulations.
 - (b) The Seismic Safety Commission shall compile a database containing the buildings identified under subdivision (a).
 - (c) On or before June 30, 2007, the Seismic Safety Commission shall do both of the following:
- 13 (1) Distribute a copy of the database compiled under 14 subdivision (b) to each school district that has within its 15 jurisdiction a building included in the database.
- 16 (2) Publish a copy of the database on its Internet Web site.